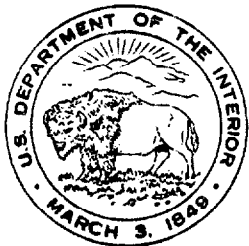


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TWENTY-SEVEN EMPLOYEES HONORED BY INTERIOR

Distinguished service citations were awarded January 16 to 25 employees of the Department of the Interior at its 24th honor awards convocation in the Department's auditorium in Washington, D. C. Two other employees received valor awards for heroic action involving the risk of their own lives.

The highest honor conferred on the Department's employees, its Distinguished Service Award, is presented in recognition of outstanding administrative or scientific contributions, outstanding ability in the performance of duty, or other exceptional service to the public. The award consists of the citation, signed by the Secretary, and a gold medal.

Three of the employees honored today have more than 40 years of government service, 14 between 30 and 40 years, and six between 20 and 30 years.

Valor awards were presented to:

Harvey Brown, National Park Service Caretaker, Natchez Trace Parkway, Carthage, Mississippi. Hearing a woman's scream, he rushed to the river bank and saw a swimmer towing an unconscious woman's body toward the shore. Fully clothed he entered the swift waters and assisted in bringing the woman ashore. He then discovered that another woman was in danger of drowning upstream. Reentering the water he found the woman floating just below the surface. The woman seized him and submerged them both, he struggled against the swift current and brought them to the surface. A nearby fisherman realizing the difficult situation went to Brown's aid and successfully reached the shore with the woman. Brown, exhausted, was assisted to the shore by the swimmer of the first rescue. Both young women survived.

Frank E. Papuga, United States Park Police, National Capital Parks, 2728 N. Yucatan Street, Arlington, Virginia. Sighting a runaway, driverless 10-ton truck on a long downgrade crowded with evening rush hour traffic, he left his motorcycle, stopped traffic and ran, overtaking the truck. Regardless of his own safety, he opened the truck door and swung into the cab. Finding the truck without brakes he steered it to the curb, and wedging the tires against the curb was successful in stopping the truck.

Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton, Under Secretary Elmer F. Bennett, and Assistant Secretaries Fred G. Aandahl, Royce A. Hardy, Ross L. Leffler, and George W. Abbott made the presentations.

The Director of the Geological Survey Thomas B. Nolan, representing Administrative Assistant Secretary D. Otis Beasley, presided at the convocation. The invocation was given by Mr. Donald Earle Lewis, Minister of the Hamline Methodist Church. Music was provided by the Headquarters Command Band, Bolling Air Force Base.

Following is a list of employes receiving the Department's Distinguished Service Award, their years of service, office of employment, and home addresses.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AREA

Washington

Dudley C. Bayliss, 26 years, National Park Service, 7821 Indian Queen Pt. Road
Carl L. Cederstrand, 30 years (ret.), Bureau of Indian Affairs, 3719
Appleton St., NW.

Albert C. Fiedler, 41 years, Geological Survey, 3104 Worthington St., NW.

Thomas H. Miller, 32 years, Bureau of Mines, 6501 Barnaby St., NW.

Robert M. Rutherford, 34 years, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, 1629
Columbia Rd., NW.

John F. Shanklin, 27 years, Office of the Secretary, 4616 Van Ness St., NW.

Alexandria, Virginia

Elmer Higgins, 36 years, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, 8020 Vale St.

ARIZONA

Nathan G. Murray, 46 years, (ret.), Bureau of Indian Affairs, 584 W. Pinkley Ave.,
Coolidge

CALIFORNIA

Oscar E. Sette, 36 years, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, 23645 Arbor Ave.,
Los Altos

Ralph V. Higgins, 30 years, Bureau of Mines, 2049 Polk St., San Francisco

COLORADO

Louis G. Puls, 29 years, Bureau of Reclamation, 7003 Ralston Ave., Arvada
Oscar L. Rice, 37 years, Bureau of Reclamation, 432 S. Humboldt St., Denver
Edmund B. Rogers, 32 years, National Park Service, 674 S. Emmerson St., Denver
Byron H. Staats, 36 years (posthumous), Bureau of Reclamation, Evelyn B. Staats,
40 Ammons St., Lakewood

FLORIDA

Seton H. Thompson, 32 years, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, 15802 Gulf Blvd.,
Redington Beach

INDIANA

Leila K. Black, 28 years, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 125 W. Lutz St., West Lafayette

MISSOURI

Daniel Kennedy, 38 years, Geological Survey, 920 E. 10th St., Rolla

NEVADA

Alma Woodruff Magleby, 28 years, Bureau of Land Management, 550 Bracken, Las Vegas

NEW JERSEY

Thomas G. Mooney, 21 years (ret.), Office of Territories, 469 Stuyvesant Ave.,
Rutherford

NEW MEXICO

Charles E. Morelock, 15 years (posthumous), Bureau of Indian Affairs, Mrs. Winifred
K. Morelock, 111 Sunset Dr., Gallup

OKLAHOMA

James M. Lawson, 36 years (ret.), Geological Survey, 418 E. Blackwell Ave.,
Blackwell

OREGON

Leo L. Iaythe, 42 years (ret.), Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, P. O.
Box 3737, Portland
J. Lane Northland, 9 years, Bonneville Power Administration, 3434 SE Claybourne
Street, Portland
Milton S. Sachs, 30 years (ret.), Bonneville Power Administration, 2157 NE
Tillamook St., Portland

WASHINGTON

Jess J. Sitton, 34 years, Bonneville Power Administration, 14416 NE 50th Ave.,
Vancouver

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